

**MARIE KARST.** Sworn for the State. On Last Saturday, April 18, I signed an affidavit dictated in the office of the Solicitor General. I did not at that time make any mention of the matters referred to in this affidavit with reference to Miss Carrie Smith. I was only asked about that last night and this morning in the office of the Solicitor General. Soon after the trial of the case, Lemmie Quinn, foreman in the National Pencil Company's place of business phoned me. Lemmie told me to meet him at a certain time and place, viz, at Nunnally's across from the Piedmont Hotel. I met him there, as per his request. He told me that Frank's side had gotten hold of that scrape at the pencil factory about drinking; if I would see Burke and give him a statement that he could keep this out of court, but unless I did, they would bring it up in court against me, and I told Lemmie that he was the foreman there he ought to know whether we got drunk or not, and he said he didn't know anything about it. We went out there and somebody had a half pint he got at the club, and another girl and I slipped around and got it and two more came around and drank some of it. At that time I was only 15 years old and the girls who drank this with me were fifteen or younger. It was stolen as a joke, out of the pocket of one of the boys working there; we drank it publicly and with the knowledge of everybody and as a joke. There was no secret about it. We made no effort to keep it secret. None of the girls were in the least bit under the influence of it. The incident caused a good deal of fun and that was all there was to it. I never heard any remarks made about it until Lemmie Quinn brought it up. Lemmie Quinn, in his talk with me, made it appear that Frank's side were going to make a big scandal out of it and it had the effect of scaring me, because I did not want my name made public in connection with that, unless all the facts were truly shown, and I did not wish the names of the others girls connected with it made public. Lemmie wound up his talk with me by insisting that I should go to see C. W. Burke and at last Lemmie went and phoned somebody and in a few minutes C. W. Burke came to see me. Lemmie set up to drinks and Burke talked to me. Burke wound up the conversation by asking me to come up to the office of Rosser, Brandon, Slaton & Phillips on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the Grant Building. I didn't go. Afterwards Burke met me on the street and again wanted to see about my working for him. The result was that I consented to work for Burke. I was not a stenographer, and could not write on the typewriter. Burke stated that he only wanted me to work during the afternoons, and he paid me \$2.00 per day for the afternoons. I worked for him about a week. Burke wanted me to go around and see the girls who had sworn for the State on the trial of Frank, about his general bad character, and he wanted me to talk to them and report to him what they said, and see if they would not change their evidence. He then told me that what I swore on the stand didn't amount to anything because I wasn't cross examined, and said it was not recorded. I saw several of the girls among them Helen Ferguson and Carrie Smith, and they told me they would not change their evidence because what they swore was true. I did not tell them that I was working for Burke, but merely talked it over with them. One day B[u]rke wanted me to see Monteen Stover, and talk to her, and see if I couldn't get her to change her evidence, given on the stand. I did not go to see Monteen Stover. One day Burke told me that h was coming out to my house and going to see my mother and tell her that I was going off with him to work on a street car case, and that he wanted me to go down and live in the house with Monteen Stover and pick her. Burke did come out to my house and saw my mother and tried to get my mother to let me go off to work on the street car case. My mother refused to let me do it, and would not let me go back and work for Burke any more. I met Burke and had my talks with him in the private office of Gov. John M. Slaton, in the office of Rosser, Brandon, Slaton & Phillips. One day I asked Carrie Smith, a friend of mine, to meet me up at Gov. Slaton's office in the Grant Building. That afternoon, however, I failed to go back to the office because it was raining. Next day when I saw Burke, he said "I had the best luck yesterday you ever saw. I got Carrie Smith where I want her". I asked Burke after I had seen Carrie Smith and she had told me what had happened, if he had a man by the name of Maddox working for him and Burke said no, and that he didn't know anybody by the name of Maddox. Carrie Smith had told me that she saw this man Maddox in the office at the time she saw Burke, and that Maddox had been to her representing himself to be a magazine man, wanting to write an article about the Frank case. Burke told me if Carrie didn't give

what evidence he wanted, that he had a friend in an assignation house that knew Carrie, and that Carrie came down to this house lots of times, and she always called him up every time Carrie was down there and notified him and said that if Carrie didn't give the evidence he wanted when this girl called up next time he would go down there. I asked Carrie about this and she said she did not know anybody by the name of Langley, the man Burke said was meeting her at that place, and she did not know anything about any such house. I have known Carrie Smith since she was a baby. We were little tots together. Her reputation is of the very best. She was never guilty of any such thing as Burke suggested and I know it. I did not tell Burke anything but I just listened to what Burke had to say. During the time I was at Burke's office, I would frequently not work over fifteen minutes. He paid me however the \$2.00 a day as he promised. Burke told me that he took Mrs. Lillie Pettis out to see her sister Miss Nellie Pettis, who had sworn on the trial of the case of the State vs. Frank, and that Miss Nellie Pettis had admitted to him and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Pettis, that what she had sworn to on the hearing before the Coroner and on the trial of the case of the State vs. Leo Frank was untrue. I do not know why Burke told me this but he did.